

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Chairs Paulson and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Gilbert Yerke, Pauline Jaske, and Janel Brandtjen. Kathleen Cummings arrived at 1:07 p.m. **Absent:** Bill Zaborowski.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Joe Vitale, and Flor Gonzalez, and Supervisors Jim Jeskewitz, Duane Paulson, and Janel Brandtjen. Supervisor Paul Decker arrived at 1:06 p.m. **Absent:** Citizen Members Michael O'Brien, Dr. Peter Geiss, and JoAnn Weidmann.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Permanency Services Supervisor Lisa Roberts, Shared Services Supervisor Kathy Mullooly, Community Liaison Katie Miller of the National Children's Study – Waukesha Vanguard Center, Senior Financial Analysts Bill Duckwitz and Clara Daniels, and Executive Assistant Julianne Klimetz. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 12-10-09

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Jaske to approve the minutes of December 10. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

Paulson advised of a letter to County Board Chair Jim Dwyer from State Department of Children and Families (DCF) auditor Jean Suchomel indicating the recent audit report noted no findings or questioned costs related to DCF awards and that the audit report has been closed.

Decker arrived at 1:06

Legislative Update

Krahn advised the bill to extend mental health parity is before the Senate today. The bill to allow the exchange of electronic records between CCAP and SACWIS is moving along, as are five juvenile justice bills, all of which the County supports.

Cummings arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Executive Committee Report of 1-25-10

Paulson advised of the following items agendaized for the last Executive Committee meeting:

- Heard a presentation on the general controls audit for Information Technology (IT) network operations.
- Heard an update on IT capital projects including computer aided dispatch (CAD) geo-based system selection, tax system, Countywide cashing, tract index system, Health & Human Services automation, Human Resources systems, and electronic content management.
- Approved ordinances 174-O-072 and 164-O-073 and the two appointments that were included in the last packet of referrals.

Announcements

Paulson advised there are currently two ordinances for the next Health & Human Services Committee meeting. A consensus of the committee agreed to cancel the February 11 meeting and instead meet at 6:00 p.m. on February 23 if no additional ordinances come forward for this cycle.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 12-10-09

MOTION: Paulson moved, second by Vitale to approve the minutes of December 10. Motion carried 7-0.

Correspondence

Farrell advised of a letter indicating a research team from the University School of Medicine & Public Health will be working with Menomonee Falls on a public health research project designed to measure the health of Wisconsin residents. Research staff have offered to appear at a future meeting to give a presentation.

Future Agenda Items

- University School of Medicine & Public Health Staff to Discuss their Research Project on the Health of Wisconsin Residents (Farrell)

Advisory Committee Reports

Vitale indicated the Child & Family Services Advisory Committee, at their last meeting, heard that Waukesha County's assessment of the Child & Family Services Division exceeded most other counties in the state and fell well within acceptable standards. The committee is also in the process of preparing their needs list.

Farrell said the Mental Health Advisory Committee is working on their needs list as well. He noted the committee is monitoring the Mental Health Parity Bill which they support.

Combined Agenda Items

H1N1 Update

Staff distributed handouts on confirmed and probable H1N1 cases per age group and municipality, and a vaccination usage report for the period of 10-1-09 to 1-26-10. Schuler said today's clinic is the last of the H1N1 vaccine clinics at the Expo Center. Staff will monitor the disease incidence

rate and community interest in February and early March and come up with a new plan at that time. The number of people coming to the clinics has declined as the vaccine has become more readily available elsewhere.

Haney said the number of H1N1 cases has dropped off while the seasonal flu has begun. The first five cases of seasonal flu were reported just this week. Cycle two of the H1N1 pandemic has concluded. Each pandemic usually has three cycles so there may be another surge in April or in the fall. To date, there have been 81 hospitalizations and one death in the county. Haney indicated there have been 1,099 laboratory confirmed cases, however, a more accurate figure is probably between 5,000 and 10,000. Haney advised so far, 13 Public Health vaccine clinics have been held with 14,211 residents inoculated. There were also three clinics early on for first responders. New clinics will be held in four quadrants throughout the county at various schools starting February 4.

Haney advised one of their biggest challenges right now is how they will store medical supplies for mass clinics. Once the supplies are moved from the Expo Center, a storage container may be purchased. Haney said they are talking with Facilities staff about options as there is not adequate storage space at the Public Health building.

Examples of Recent Subtle State Mandates that Impact County Resources

Maurer explained that many State mandates are not bad mandates. The problem is they often come without funding. The Kinship Care Program (children living with relatives) and Child Welfare are perfect examples of having well meaning mandates that counties must pay for. The State originally agreed to fund Kinship Care (a result of W-2) but later recanted. However, the State asked counties to keep Kinship Care so the County downsized the program in order to fund it. A few years back, the State added more mandates to Kinship Care regarding juvenile delinquents citing federal requirements. This was workable but it was the first significant Kinship Care mandate. During the last State budget, a couple cases made headlines and prompted a plea by the State to license relatives' homes just like the County licenses foster homes. Roberts and Mullooly discussed these new, additional County costs in detail which include additional staff time to license Kinship Care homes (indirect costs), annual compensation paid to the provider for caring for the child(ren), and added costs and staff time to conduct criminal background checks for daycare certification.

Educational Presentation on the National Children's Study

Miller indicated that Waukesha County was one of 105 communities across the U.S. that was randomly selected to participate in the National Children's Study (NCS). In 2005, a partnership between UW-Madison and the Medical College of Wisconsin was formed to implement the study in Waukesha. Every woman who lives in one of 17 segment neighborhoods and becomes pregnant during the five-year enrollment period will be invited to participate in the study. The seven core hypothesis areas include obesity and growth, asthma, injuries, neurodevelopment and behavior, pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and reproductive development. Examples of collected data include questionnaires and interviews, environmental samples and observations, physical measurements, observation of behavior, and biological samples. The study follows children for 21 years but the study will take closer to 24 years to complete.

Miller advised that 13,000 door-to-door visits were conducted using 50 highly trained data collectors from our area. Recruitment of eligible women began in May of 2009 and ended in

January of 2010. She said 4,600 women have completed the more in-depth Pregnancy Screener Interview and of those eligible, 50% have agreed to participate. NCS staff are hoping for about 1,250 participants total and are looking at how to increase the number of eligible women. Participation is voluntary and confidential. NCS Waukesha births began in November of 2009. Recruitment of eligible women will continue for five years and alternative recruitment methods will be explored. Miller spoke of financial incentives for women who participate as reimbursement for their time.

Board Agenda Items

Approval of Appointment Applications at Mental Health Center

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Brandtjen to approve appointment applications for Jeffrey Follansbee, MD, general medicine; S. John Kim, M.D., psychiatry; Frank T. Pletzke, M.D., psychiatry; James Rutheford, M.D., psychiatry; Carolyn Morse, Ph.D., psychology; and Anne Koplin, M.D., psychiatry. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Jeskewitz moved, second by Decker to adjourn the board at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the committee at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Committee Secretary